(b) the details of amount allocated and spent thereon during the last three years till date; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Rail projects in Tamil Nadu

1925. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the development projects being implemented in the State of Tamil Nadu, including the target date set for completion of the projects and the reasons for delay in implementation of the projects;

(b) the broad gauge conversion programme for the State of Tamil Nadu and the reasons for delay in gauge conversion between various stations; and

(c) the amount allocated for the State of Tamil Nadu for development of railways including modernization of railway stations for the year 2006-07 and its percentage of all India allocation for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) In Tamil Nadu, 02 nos. New Lines, 09 nos. Gauge Conversion, 06 nos. Doubling, 02 nos. Metropolitan Transport Project and 01 no. Railway Electrification projects are in progress which on completion will add about 1760 Km of broad gauge line and will electrify 178 Km line. Out of which, 470 Km through gauge conversion, 12 Km through doubling, 04 Km of line under Metropolitan Transport Project area are targeted for completion during 2006-07. Works are being progressed as per availability of resources and operational priority of the line.

(c) An outlay of Rs. 480.25 crore has been provided for projects of new line, gauge conversion, doubling, Metropolitan Transport Project and Railway Electrification Plan Heads falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu for

the current year which is 7.61% of the total allotment under these Plan Heads.

As regard modernization of railway stations in the State of Tamil Nadu is concerned no separate figures for allocation on Modernisation of Sations are maintained. The jurisdiction of Southern and South Western Railways partly falls in Tamil Nadu. Funds allotted to Southern Railway and South Western Railway during 2006-07 under Plan Head 'Passenger Amenities' is Rs. 38.91 crore put together which is 11.02% of the total allotment under this Plan Head.

Gulbarga-Bidar Rail Line

1926. SHRI K.B. SHANAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how much money have been spent for laying the railway line between Gulbarga to Bidar;

(b) since when the work has started on this line; and

(c) whether it is a fact that from Gulbarga to Bidar land acquisition work has not at all taken up; and

(d) if so, the steps Government are going to take up to complete the work at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU):

(a) to (c) Gulbarga-Bidar new line was included in Budget 1997-98. Land acquisition proceedings have been taken up. Earthwork and bridge works have been completed between Khanapur-Nadagaon (32 Km.). An outlay of Rs. 10 crore has been provided in Budget 2006-07 and an expenditure of Rs. 38.09 crore has been incurred on the work up to 31.3.2006.

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